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A walking trail through the Mokerheide (Heathland) from the Villages of Mook-Middelaar runs past the recently renovated Hunting Lodge, which was originally built in 1904. The Villages of Mook-Middelaar are in the Netherlands, in the Province of Limburg. More on Mook-Middelaar and the Hunting Lodge on pages 22-23.

Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

Some Covid restrictions have been dropped at the time of writing this article. It is still required that you wear a facemask when you enter the RDC Clubhouse as well as social distancing, but there is no need to log in. However, if you are even a little unwell, please stay home in order to protect your fellow Neerlandia Members. Below you will find the Functions Calendar for Neerlandia and its Sub-Clubs for May/June 2022. **However, there is no guarantee, that the following schedule can be followed 100%.**

Club details:

Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for most of their activities.

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Members on second last page.

May 2022

Mon 2,9,16,23,30	<u>Hollandia Billiard Club</u>	9.30am
Wed 11, 25	<u>Wednesday Bingo</u>	11am
Thurs 5, 19	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Thurs 5,12,19,26	<u>Thursday Night Card Club</u>	7pm
Friday 27	<u>Maas & Waal Borrel</u> at the RDC Myaree	6.30 pm
Sunday 29th	<u>Andre Rieu at the RDC</u> <i>More details on page 7</i>	10.30am

June 2022

Mon 6,13,20,27	<u>Hollandia Billiard Club</u>	9.30am
Wed 8, 22	<u>Wednesday Bingo</u>	11am
Thurs 2, 16, 30	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Thurs 2,9,16,23,30	<u>Thursday Night Card Club</u>	7pm
Friday 27	<u>Maas & Waal Borrel</u> at Morley Windmills	6.30 pm

August 2022

Sunday 14	<u>Tivoli Show</u> <i>More details on page 18</i>	12.00 noon
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President's Report, Editorial & New Members



Beste Medelanders,

It is a pleasure to welcome our newest Committee Member Babette van Dijk, who has joined our Committee. Babette's input & feedback will be of great help to Neerlandia.

As the Australian Soccer season has commenced again, our Member are more then welcome to come and watch any games played at Wotton Reserve, by the Morley Windmills Soccer Club.

At the time of writing this, the West Australian Newspapers is reporting that all Covid restriction will be waived in the upcoming weeks. If that report is true, Neerlandia and the Sub-Clubs will be very happy, as they will regain those Members, who have stayed away, while present restrictions are still in place.

Hope to see you all soon,
Eric van Waaijenburg.
President.

Editorial.

Last week's request for information had a positive outcome, as the following e-mail from Marjory Bly shows.

"I just wanted to let you know that the notice in the April newsletter has achieved positive results and Yvonne van Maanen's niece is now able to re-establish contact. Thank you to those, who provided the information.

I also wanted to compliment the Neerlandia Committee on the great job they're doing with the Neerlandia Events. The ones I've been able to attend have been wonderful and were an enjoyable experience.

It is clear that a lot of work has gone into the preparation and the execution.

Thank you, your hard work is appreciated".

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It is so rewarding to get positive feedback like the above and most of the accolades for the Events have to go to John Zwartkruis for driving these.

All I hope is that he gets all the supports he badly needs.

Pieter Leeflang.
Your Editor.

NEERLANDIA
WELCOMES THE
FOLLOWING NEW
MEMBERS.

Trish King
Michael Rysdyk
Olga van Haften
Magazine only:
Joseph van den Berg

Ditjes and Datjes

Obituary Michael Young. (born as Jacob Jong in the Netherlands).



Michael Young on the right, receives indigenous Message Sticks, made by a local artist. These sticks were handed over to the crew and taken by the replica Duyfken to Weipa, Cape York.

For those who have not heard the news, Michael Young, the founder of the Duyfken Project, passed away on the 27th of February 2022.

Without Michael's passion and enthusiasm, the Duyfken would never have been built. Without Michael, none of us would have been able to be a part of the Duyfken experience.

On 23 December 1993, Michael wrote a short letter to the editor of the Fremantle Herald, titled "A new Endeavour?" which was published in the Fremantle Herald newspaper, owned by Andrew Smith.

In early 1994, a small group of us met at Michael and Janine's house and it was agreed to form a Community group to build the ship.

The group became the Friends of the Duyfken and from that group, the Duyfken 1606 Replica Foundation was born.

Michael dedicated several years of his life to the Duyfken dream.

Michael's passion was infectious. We were all spun into the Duyfken web. His close association with the project continued for many years.

Thanks Michael, may you have fair winds and following seas.

Graeme Cocks, former Director of the Duyfken 1606 Replica Foundation and close friend.

Dutch Language Lessons & More Ditjes and Datjes

Dutch Language Lessons.



On Friday 25th March we held our second Neerlandia Dutch Conversational Class in cooperation with [LanguageOne Perth](#).

We were very happy to see a few new students and they enjoyed it so much, that they said they will return.

During our May Maas & Waal Borrel in May we hope to see more new students joining the present group.

For a while now we have been using a sizeable TV to present the lesson materials, so all students can see those clearly.

This second hand TV was kindly donated by the Communication Workers Union WA Branch; many thanks for their kind donation. Machiel van der Stelt.

<https://stelt-technologies.com.au/>

Croquetten & Bitterballen.

Croquetten & Bitterballen are still being made in Perth and sold by John Otis (previous the Dutch Butcher).

They are only available on Saturday mornings from 9.00am to 12 Noon.

Where are they available. During the above hours, John will be at the Morley Windmills Clubhouse, Wotton Reserve, Broun Avenue, Embleton and he has fresh and frozen boxes.

Contact John Otis for more information and details on: 0409 689 9656.

John Otis

Neerlandia's Plans.

Your Committee receives several donations from families, when their parents pass away. Often, there are some absolute gems amongst them. That isn't to say they are worth a whole lot of money, but certainly worth an awful lot in historic value. We intend to explore the possibility of creating our own little "Rijksmuseum" in which these treasured keep sakes can be stored and displayed for all to enjoy, both now and future generations.

We ask all our members to implore upon their family to give Neerlandia the opportunity to assess items of historical and cultural importance and prevent certain such items simply being disposed of in that big skipbin out the front.

Similarly, we know that there are lots of impressive stories amongst our members about their own experience or that of their parents. This can relate to time during World War II or the decisions about emigration, the journey to Australia or their impressions and experiences, once in Australia. Whilst some people may consider these insignificant, we can assure you that collectively as well as individually, they provide a very rich and colourful account of how life was in a different time period. These experiences are worth preserving and will provide a historical imprint for future generations.

If you have any such stories, please contact Neerlandia and we will treat it with the confidentiality and dignity your stories deserve. Once assessed and processed the way we would like them presented, we will come back to you for approval before taking it to the next stage.

*John Zwartkruis,
your amateur historian.*

Report on the Neerlandia Easter Brunch



Easter Brunch.

On Sunday the 10th April 2022, our Easter Brunch was celebrated by 74 members and their guests.

As they arrived, each person received a small container with small Easter chocolates in them, which was unexpected but accepted by all with great thanks. The morning started with Coffee or Tea with a hot cross bun. This was followed by a traditional Uitsmijter. Well, it wasn't **that** traditional, but it nevertheless

tasted very good. This was created through an unfortunate set of circumstances, whereby a stand-in Chef was asked to prepare our breakfast and a breakdown in communication somewhere along the line, failed to impart the importance of HOW an Uitsmijter should be presented. Despite this shortcoming, everyone enjoyed the morning and were satisfied they had enjoyed a good meal.



The lottery was once again a great event where 1 in 3 people walked away with a prize. First there were 12 Chocolate Easter Bunnies. Then followed 6 Hunting Bags, each containing an Easter Bunny and some Easter Eggs. Once all these prizes were handed out, everyone was surprised when the bottles of Advocaat came out. Their earlier disappointment of missing out on a chocolate treat melted away in expectation they may still win a bottle of Advocaat. Similarly, others who had won a prize already, were somewhat disappointed that their number wasn't drawn out whilst the bottles of Advocaat were being drawn.

Jan Zwartkruis.



Winners are grinners.

The upcoming Lunch with André Rieu

An Afternoon Lunch with André Rieu

Sunday 29th May 2022, 10:30AM (New Time)

Rhein Donau Club, 110 North Lake Rd, MYAREE



**Everyone enjoys the wonderful Music from André Rieu
& His Johan Strauss Orchestra.**

We begin with Coffee at 10:30AM followed at 11:00AM by a selection of some of his very best video presentations, all on a **VERY LARGE SCREEN**.

This is followed by a delicious 3 course lunch starting at 1:00PM.

You will undoubtedly leave that afternoon totally uplifted by the beautiful music, the wonderful costumes and the theatrical antics of the orchestra.

This event is once again subsidised by your Neerlandia Committee.

Full Financial Members pay only **\$25.00 and Non (financial) Members **\$50.00**, which includes a drink voucher. *Book early to avoid disappointment.***

Bookings: Phone John Zwartkruis on 0434 920 252 or
send an email to: terjohnz@gmail.com

OR contact any Neerlandia Committee Member listed on page 27 in the back of this magazine or your Sub-Club Coordinator.

Bookings can also be requested through neerlandia@dutchclubwa.com

Consequences for the Dutch after Leiden's Ontzet

What were the consequences and benefits flowing from the victory over the Spanish occupiers, when they were defeated and Leiden was liberated.

There are three main benefits flowing from this victory.

Firstly, the Dutch Royal Family was established from this time with William of Orange being the first monarch.

Secondly, our National Anthem “Het Wilhelmus”, the oldest National Anthem in the world, was written around this time.

Thirdly, the many sea battles between the Spanish and Dutch & British Navies resulted in the defeat of the Spanish Armada, severely diminishing Spain’s ability to rule the seas. The Dutch, who had already found their own routes to the spice islands & silk trade of the east, were now rulers of the seas.

Their unconventional choice of taking advantage of the strong winds from the Roaring Forties and sailing due east from the Cape of Good Hope, instead of following the coast lines of Africa, Arabia, and India, they discovered the Great South Land we know today as Australia.



William of Orange (Dutch: Willem van Oranje), was the leader of the Dutch Revolt against the Spanish that set off the Eighty Years' War (1568–1648) and resulted in the formal independence of the United Provinces in 1581. Born into the House of Nassau, he became Prince of Orange in 1544 and is thereby the founder of the Orange-Nassau branch and the ancestor of the monarchy of the Netherlands.

Dutch Royal Family.

William of Orange (William the Silent) was born in Dillenburg Castle in the County of Nassau-Dillenburg, which lies in what is now the German state of Hesse. His father was Count William I of Nassau-Dillenburg. His mother was Juliana of Stolberg. His father had a surviving daughter from a previous marriage and his mother had four surviving children from a previous marriage.

Together, his parents had 12 children, 5 sons and 7 daughters, of which, William was the eldest.

William of Orange (William the Silent). On the 15 March 1580, the King of Spain had issued a reward of 25,000 crowns, peerage, and an inheritable estate to anyone who killed or captured William of Orange, who he referred to in his decree as a “Pest on the whole of Christianity and the enemy of the human race.”

William of Orange was assassinated by Balthasar Gerhardt in Delft on 10 July 1584 by two pistols. He was the first head of state to be assassinated by a firing gun.



Assassination of the William of Orange in Delft on 10 July 1584.

Consequences for the Dutch after Leiden's Ontzet

His Grandfather was Johann V, (Born in Breda 09 November 1455 & died in Dillenburg 30 July 1556). In 1472, a treaty was formed between Johann V & his brother Engelbert II of Nassau. The brothers were dealt the territories with Nassau going to Johann V and The Netherlands, left of the Rhine to Engelbert II. When in 1504 Engelbert II died without an heir, his territories in the Netherlands were passed on to the eldest son of Johann V, Henry III of Nassau-Breda.

His father, William I owned and was Count of Nassau-Dillenburg, Nassau-Siegen, Nassau-Dietz-Vianden. The brother of William I was Count Henry III of Nassau-Breda. There is an importance to this connection. Note the word “Dietz”. This is repeated in song and may well be the origin of the word “Dutch”.



His Uncle Henry III of Nassau-Breda married Claudia of Châlon-Orange from Burgundy in France in 1515. They had a son René of Chalon, who in 1530, inherited the independent and sovereign Principality of Orange from his mother's brother, Philibert of Châlon. As the first Nassau to be the Prince of Orange, René could have used "Orange-Nassau" as his new family name. However, his uncle, in his will, had stipulated that René should continue the use of the name Châlon-Orange. After René's death in 1544, without an heir, his cousin William of Nassau-Dillenburg inherited all of his lands.

The Dutch National Anthem.

Our Dutch National Anthem, “Het Wilhelmus”, stems from this time period according to the Guinness Book of records and it is the oldest National Anthem in the world, dating back to at least 1572. Even though it wasn't the Official National Anthem until 1932, it has been a popular song since those early days of 1572.

There may well be some curious questions about the wording of Het Wilhelmus. “Wilhelms van Nassauwe ben ik van Duitsen Bloed.” As explained above, Nassau was a County in the state of Hesse in Germany.

“Een Prins van Oranje ...” – This comes from his inheritance from his cousin René of Chalon. William of Orange inherited this from René of Chalon at the young age of 11. From there on, he used the Family name as Oranje-Nassau.

“Den Konink van Hispanje heb ik altijd ge-eerd” – Willem van Oranje was true to the King of Spain, until he learnt of his plan to deal violently with the Protestants of France and The Netherlands in 1559 through a conversation with King Henry II of France. King Henry had discussed this with William during a hunting expedition in Paris after signing a peace treaty following the Hispanic-French War. The King had made the mistaken assumption that William of Orange was aware of these plans. This plan was being negotiated by the Duke of Alva on behalf of King Philip II. William of Orange didn't contradict King Henry's thinking, but had resolved within himself to not allow the slaughter of “so many honourable people”, especially in the Netherlands for which he felt a strong compassion.

The Dutch are now rulers of the seas.

Thirdly, the events of the 80 year war with Spain, and the overwinning over the Spanish Armada, made the Dutch masters of the seas. They had already learnt of the route to the spice islands in the far east but now could build an empire that saw incredible wealth created during the 17th and 18th centuries. The 17th Century became known as the “Gouden Eeuw” or Golden Century.

Consequences for the Dutch after Leiden's Ontzet



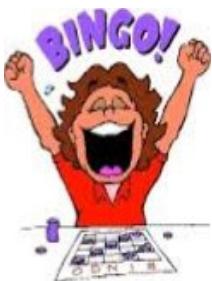
It was also during the 17th Century when the Dutch first charted the coastline of Australia, when the “Duifken” landed in the Cape York peninsula in far north Queensland in early 1606, followed by Dirk Hartog who set foot on an island off the WA Coast on the 25 October 1616, that now bears his name.

Dutch seafarers had learnt a faster way to reach Batavia. Instead of following the coastline around Africa, Arabia, and India, they used the roaring forties to head due East after leaving the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa. They knew to turn North after so many days and when they could see land, the great southern land we now call Australia. Because of our extreme Winter winds, several ships ran aground and became famous shipwrecks along the coast of WA. Ship wrecks like “Batavia”, “Vergulde Draeck”, “Zuytdorp” & “Zeewijk”. It is for this reason we place such a great significance to celebrating Leiden’s Ontzet. We do so for its own reason, which is the liberation of the City of Leiden from Spanish forces in 1574, but also for what transpired in the years after that, which created so much wealth for the Dutch as well as the link the Dutch made to put Australia on the World Map.

Information from the internet by John Zwartkruis.



The Bingo Page



NEERLANDIA BINGO ON WEDNESDAY.

Day Games only.
11th and 25th of May.
8th and 22nd of June.

Games start at 11am—Doors open at 10am.



Lunch, a bowl of soup with bun is \$7.50, at cost. Coffee/tea/biscuits free, self help.



Bingo on Wednesday 30th March. Despite the COVID and masks, we still had 28 players.



Bingo on Wednesday 13th April. With 25 players we had a lot of fun playing Bingo.

BINGO BULLETIN. From your friendly Bingo Organiser.

Over the last 2 game days, a number of players have won special prizes above their normal winnings. **Hennie James, Henk Smit, John Zwartkruis and Alie Deurloo** all played for free (worth \$10 each). The large bags of Snickers were won by **Rose Groos and John Norder**. The \$25.— loaded games were won by **John van Gentevoort (\$41) and Riet Oorschot (\$39)**. The Ferrero chocolates, sponsored by Neerlandia, were won by **Mia Boshart and Greta van Sant**. The Jackpot reached \$90.— and it needs 55 balls for it to be won. That did NOT happen, so the next games will be even more exciting, as the jackpot will go over \$100. **Are you going to be there to get a chance to win it?????**

Henk Oorschot and Louis James.

For info call Henk on 9256 1977.



BoekHoek

De laatste twee jaar is het bijna onmogelijk geweest om de Neerlandia “Mies” bibliotheek draaiend te houden.

Maar nu wordt de bibliotheek in ere hersteld. Openingstijden zijn dezelfde als die van de Rhein Donau Club: <http://www.rheindonaclub.iinet.net.au/>

Zo wat nu? Neerlandia leden die graag Nederlands-talige boeken lezen, hebben toegang tot de bibliotheek en kunnen lenen wanneer zij dat willen.

Het is een kwestie van op de lijst in de bibliotheek je naam, titel van het boek en je telefoon nummer te schrijven.

Omdat we in een tijd van “social media” leven, zijn er ook boeken te lenen/lezen via links; je hebt ook toegang tot luisterboeken. Als je hier informatie over wilt hebben, neem dan even contact op met Machiel (mvdstelt@gmail.com), de bibliothecaris van de Neerlandia “Mies” Bibliotheek.

Wij streven er naar om in elke aflevering van het Neerlandia Tijdschrift een review van een Nederlands talig boek te publiceren. Vorige maand besprak Machiel “Eline Vere” terwijl in het mei tijdschrift de keuze voor een boek aan Lianna is. Heb jij onlangs een Nederlands talig boek gelezen dat je met ons delen wilt? Laat het weten en wij publiceren jouw recentie.

Op de tafel hier ligt: “Wij slaven van Suriname”, geschreven door Anton de Kom. Misschien niet het meest lichte onderwerp maar bij het zien van de titel konden we ons niet bedenken waarom we dit niet zouden lezen om het daarna met jullie te delen.

Boekbespreking: Wij Slaven van Suriname door Anton de Kom

In 2020 werd de Surinamer **Anton de Kom** toegevoegd aan de Canon van Nederland. De Canon van Nederland is een overzicht van belangrijke gebeurtenissen uit de geschiedenis van Nederland. Samen vertellen ze hoe Nederland zich in de loop van de eeuwen heeft ontwikkeld. Docenten gebruiken de Canon voor hun lesprogramma's. (<https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/voortgezet-onderwijs/vraag-en-antwoord/wat-is-de-canon-van-nederland>)

Ik had nog nooit van Anton de Kom gehoord, laat staan over hem op school

geleerd.

Inmiddels weet ik dat hij in 1898 in Suriname werd geboren. Hij stierf op 24 april 1945 als verzetsstrijder in concentratie kamp Sandbostel.

Anton de Kom was een Surinaamse antikoloniale schrijver, activist en verzetsheld. In 1934 publiceert hij zijn boek "Wij slaven van Suriname", een aanklacht tegen racisme, uitbuiting en koloniale overheersing. Nog steeds wordt zijn boek veel gelezen, omdat het de koloniale machtsstructuren inzichtelijk maakt voor een groot publiek.

De versie van het boek dat ik las is de serie Leeslicht, Lezen in gewone taal. Het beschamende hoofdstuk in de Nederlandse geschiedenis, slavernij in Suriname, wordt in eenvoudige en duidelijke taal uiteengezet. Dit maakt het boek zeer toegankelijk voor studenten die Nederlandse Cultuur en Taal als ATAR vak hebben gekozen.

Echter, ook voor een ieder die geïnteresseerd is Nederland, de cultuur en de geschiedenis, is dit boek een aanrader omdat dit stuk Nederlandse geschiedenis tot voor kort niet op scholen besproken werd.

Het boek "Wij Slaven van Suriname" geschreven door Anton de Kom, is te lenen van de bibliotheek van de Nederlandse Club.

Deze links geven de originele tekst van Wij Slaven van Suriname: https://dbnl.org/tekst/kom_001wijs01_01/

En hier kun je de originele tekst beluisteren

<https://www.radioviainternet.nl/podcasts/het-audioboek-wij-slaven-van-suriname-anton-de-kom>

Meer informatie over Slavernij in Suriname in het algemeen en Anton Krom in het bijzonder kan men lezen op de volgende link:

<https://www.literatuurgeschiedenis.org/teksten/wij-slaven-van-suriname>

Aankondiging:

Wij krijgen ook vaak vriendelijke verzoeken van mensen die boeken willen doneren.

Onder de huidige omstandigheden is de ruimte te beperkt voor extra boeken. Wij bevelen aan om de boeken aan één van de Op-Shops van de Save the Children Charity te doneren:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.au/our-stories/we-want-your-pre-loved-items>

We maken echter wel een kleine uitzondering en accepteren wel boeken, die in goede staat verkeren en interessant zijn voor kinderen en de jeugd en ook wel moderne romans. (van het Nederlandse Canon).



Veel leesplezier,
Machiel vd Stelt.
Lianna Parker.

Unusual Robbery in the Netherlands

Gang steal 1600 kilos of cheese from Dutch dairy farm.



Thieves have made off with 1600 kilos of cheese worth €21,000 from a dairy farm in Fijnaart, Noord Brabant, the latest in a series of cheese heists in the Netherlands.

Almost all the cheese from the farm's storage was taken and that has set the farm back some six months in income, the farmer told RTL News. "We will need better security for our cheeses from now on," Theo Dekker, chairman of dairy farmers organisation Bond van Boerderij-Zuivelbereiders" told local broadcaster Omroep Brabant.

"This is not just a simple theft, it's organised crime," Dekker said. "These gangs are not afraid to use violence. They'll load up and off they go."

These thieves usually visit the farm shop a couple of days before, to get the lay of the land so they know exactly what to take. "We have had reports of cheeses ending up in Russia where no Dutch dairy can be bought because of the economic sanctions," Dekkers said.

"The stolen cheeses carry a unique code which means it is unlikely they are being sold in the Netherlands. Cheese farmers were plagued by a string of cheese thefts a couple of years ago and this week's heist may be a sign of things to come", Dekker said. His organisation is also keeping an eye on online cheese sellers. A batch of stolen cheese was offered for sale on Marktplaats last year and traced within 15 minutes.

"But those were amateurs and cheese farmers are now up against something bigger", Dekker said.

(Dutch Newsnl)

Celebrate Easter the Dutch Way

(Although Easter was last month, we will have a look how the Dutch celebrated Easter the modern way. Editor.)

Wooden eggs, hares and fires: How to celebrate Easter the Dutch way.

Easter Monday is a public holiday in the Netherlands, but Good Friday is a normal working day, apart from government workers, lucky things. Here is our list of Dutch Easter habits.



Easter breakfast box. If you have children at a Dutch primary school, they, rather you, will probably have to make an Easter breakfast box, which they will give to another child in their class. This is a shoe box, beautifully decorated with Easter things and should contain all the ingredients for a delicious breakfast. Some schools have banned jam and sweet things, white bread and even chocolate eggs... which is a little odd. But hey, a cheese sandwich can be festive as well.

Brunch. An extended breakfast with all the family and friends on Easter Sunday – and possibly Monday if you are greedy. All sorts of rolls, cheese, ham, eggs, and eggs and eggs! You may find the butter is in the shape of a little spring lamb (bah). Brunch will also include Paasbrood. We are not sure what the difference is with Kerstbrood apart from the fact it is wrapped in a yellow bow rather than a red one. No Easter brunch is complete without matsos – the Jewish crackers.

Decorations. The Dutch are very keen on Easter eggs and spring-related decorations, and many homes will put up willow branches hung with tiny wooden eggs and bows. Over the years these have become bigger and more elaborate, the supermarket shelves are groaning under these ornaments and soon they will resemble Christmas trees.



Egg painting. The Dutch also like to paint boiled eggs in pretty patterns. If you want to do this, be sure to buy a proper egg stand at Blokker or Intertoys so you can colour your egg without getting paint all over your fingers and the rest of the eggs in the box. Easter egg painting is number 5 on the Dutch folklore center's list of the top 10 Dutch traditions.

The Easter Hare. Yes, the Dutch do have Easter egg hunts but don't forget, the Netherlands has a Paashaas – Easter hare – rather than a bunny – well, it does rhyme better.

Flowers at St Peters in Rome. The Dutch flower industry has for decades supplied the thousands of tulips and other flowers, which are sent to Rome to decorate St Peter's for the Pope's Easter day appearance. Every year the Pope – wherever he comes from – says in his best Dutch: "**Bedankt voor de bloemen**" – the highlight of the Dutch television news coverage. This year it looked as if coronavirus had killed off this Dutch Easter tradition, because the long standing flower provider pulled out, citing a lack of sponsors after two years of disappointment. However, disaster has been averted and a new team has been found. But will the Pope say: "**Bedankt voor de bloemen**" as he always does?



Easter attractions. There are, of course, Easter markets, special Easter brunches at restaurants and Easter events at amusement parks. And there is the Paaspop festival,¹ which has taken place over the Easter weekend in the Noord-Brabant town of Schijndel since 1985. Paaspop, which attracts some 15,000 people, is seen as the unofficial start of the Dutch festival season. Frans Ferdinand, The Chainsmokers and Guus Meeus are among this year's acts.



Furniture. Many Dutch people also seem to consider to visit an out-of-town retail park selling furniture – a "woonboulevard" – to be a traditional Easter activity.



Easter fires. Easter fires are lit in various parts of Europe and probably have pagan origins. In the Netherlands, most are found in Drenthe, Groningen, Overijssel, Twente, Friesland and Gelderland but there are all sorts of regional variations about what is burnt and when. The village of Espelo in Overijssel has the world record for the highest hand-built Easter fire – 27 meters and no help from cranes is allowed.

(Dutch News)

The Seniors' Club

The Seniors' Club.



The game of Sjoelbak.

same time interacting with other Dutch people of similar age to yourself.

By lunch time, our day culminates in a delicious 2-course lunch, which is different every time we meet. This is followed by our raffle of a selection of worthwhile prizes to take home.

Once again, Covid-19 made its presence known to all of us. On the 7th April, our usual Chef was unavailable to prepare our lunch as this time, he himself tested positive for Covid-19.

He arranged for the Cellar Master, Thomas, to stand in for him. We learnt that Thomas had another string to his bow and he prepared a lovely lunch for us all.



Card games are popular.

We are always ready to welcome new Members into our Club.

If you like to play some games with other likeminded people, who share a common heritage, why not contact John Zwartkruis on; **0434 920 252** or by email at: terjohnz@gmail.com for further details. We look forward to making your acquaintance and welcoming you as part of our Neerlandia Seniors' Club.

John Zwartkruis.



Rummecub can wait, lunch is served.



The Dutch Singers

The Dutch Singers have a new Pianist.



After the retirement of Hazel Potts, the Dutch Singers were very fortunate to have found a new pianist. He has some famous names as well as a musical history right here in Perth.

When he introduced himself on the 26th March 2022, he said he wasn't the famous Dutch musician Eddy Christiani, nor was he that other famous Dutch musician Max van Praag. However, he shared their names, and he is known as Eddy van Praag.

The Dutch Singers were impressed as he could play some classical music without Musical notes in front of him. He was born in Amsterdam in 1939. He had an ear for music from a very early age. Whilst sitting on the back of his Mum's bike, he would drum on her back until she stopped to listen to the street organ in Amsterdam.

From the age of 9, he began formal music lessons from a Mr. Achsteribbe, who recognised potential and would call in 2-3 times a week early morning, for his lessons.

He lost his father during the war and his mother remarried in 1947. His mother and step-father migrated to Australia in 1950. Whilst in Australia, he was tutored by a retired concert pianist by the name of St Quentin-Downer. However, this was to be only a short course of tuition as his Tutor was compelled to move to Queensland on medical advice for his not so well wife.

Then, by 1956 the family returned to the Netherlands but came back to Perth in 1957. Eddy, now being in his teenage years moved away from classics to Rock 'n' Roll. He joined a band called "The Dynamics", which became one of Perth's best known groups. They performed regularly on

Channel 7's "Teenbeat"
plus all the gigs for the
Coca Cola Hi-Fi Club.



Eddy was promoted in his job and was moved to Melbourne, where he met and later married his wife in 1967. By 1970 they moved from Melbourne back to Perth. They had 3 sons, one of whom is a Music Teacher in Brisbane.

The Dutch Singers are extremely pleased to have found a pianist with such qualities and hope that together they can put together some wonderful performances in the future.

**Welcome to our Choir,
Eddy.**

The Dutch Singers.

The Choir's new pianist Eddy van Praag with Frances during

A fantastic Show at the Tivoli Theatre

The Tivoli Club Presents



That other 70's Show—Sunday 14 August 2022 at 12:00 Noon.

Featuring songs by ABBA, Boney M and the Bee Gees.

A celebration of artists that made the 70's the grooviest decade.



Bring back those wonderful memories of the 1970's when these 3 bands produced hit after hit that we all loved. Waterloo, which won Eurovision in 1974. Boney M's Rasputin and their Christmas album, The Bee Gees and Saturday Night Fever and a whole lot more.

The Tivoli Theatre is located in a Heritage Listed Art Deco building opposite the Raffles Hotel in Applecross. Parking is nearby, also in Moreau Mew and paid parking in the Raffles Hotel basement.

We have reserved a block booking of 100 seats for Sunday 14th August 2022.

Financial Dutch Club Members—\$7.00. Non-Financial & Non Dutch Club members \$17.00.

This includes Chicken & Chips at interval. Doors open 11:30 AM & show starts 12:00 Noon.

Come and see our singers, dancers and comedians in our beautiful Art Deco Theatre in Applecross. We have a Chicken & Chips meal at interval. You are welcome to bring your own nibbles, as well as your own alcohol and glasses. We have a little shop where you can purchase water, cool drinks, crisps and lollies/chocolates.

Be quick and book your seats. Just like in previous years, tickets will sell out quickly!!!

Secure your tickets from John Zwartkruis 0434 920 252

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Klaverjas Club News @ Members Birthdays

Thursday Night Klaverjas Club news.

With the Sunday Drives on hold, the Wednesday Card Club abolished, it is up to the Thursday Night Card Club to keep the flag flying, so to speak.



The first competition for 2022 is progressing well and at the time of writing this, it has only 2 weeks to go.

The competition is still wide open with more than half a dozen players in the running to get a place in the top three. But more about that next month.

The ongoing Covid threat has not been kind to us either, with one unvaccinated player unable to participate. A few other players pulled out temporarily, as they are unwilling to take a risk by attending larger groups or are unable to play with a mask on their face.

This involved players from the Klaverjas Club as well as players from the Bolivia Club.

On Thursday the 14th of April, the last day before Easter, all the financial players were presented with an Apricot Loaf from Baker's Delight and a dozen farm eggs.

Some of the Members had also brought in some sweets and chocolate Easter eggs to go with their cuppa. Well done and very much appreciated!!!!
Pieter Leeflang.



The following Members will celebrate their Birthday during the month of May 2022 We wish them all a very Happy Birthday.

Jose	van Lierop
Astrid	Overlift Vaupel Kleijn
Nacia	Loose
Frances	Zuidgeest-Ots
Alie	Deurloo
Jackie	Baldé
Anna	Pembroke
Margaret	Bosland
Paul	Winter
Johannes	Gloudie
Elena	Fioretti
Wendy	Stoffels
Gonny	Bonda
Antonia	van Kampen
Alice	Lenghaus
Vera	Horsten
Peter	Van der Wedden
An	van Kleef
Tony	van Merwyk
Marion	Gerritsen
Karin	Eastwood-Helder
Elly	Spillekom
Bert	Baltes
Babette	van Dijk
Willy	van Bruggen
Ann	Padley
Ans	van Halteren
Gary	Smith
Marjolein	Towler

If your birthday is not mentioned or you would like to change the details, that can be arranged. To make any changes you need to send an E-mail to the editor:

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Correction:

Our apologies to Connie van Emden, we omitted to publish her birthday in April. The error has been fixed. A belated Happy Birthday, Connie!!

May a bit of Humour light up your Day

A man made his way to the World Cup Final.



It's the World Cup Final, and a man makes his way to his seat right next to the field. He sits down, noticing that the seat next to him is empty. He leans over and asks his neighbour if someone will be sitting there. "No," says the neighbour. "The seat is empty."

"That's incredible," says the man. "Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the final and not use it?"

The neighbour answers: "Well, actually the seat belongs to me. I was supposed to come with my wife, but she passed away recently. This is the first World Cup Final the two of us haven't been to go to since we got married."

"Oh, I'm so sorry to hear that. That's terrible... But couldn't you find someone else, a friend, relative or even a neighbour to take her seat?"

The man shakes his head. "No," he sighed. "They're all at the funeral."



The big secret about rye bread!

Two old guys, one 80 and one 87 were sitting on a park bench one morning.

The 87-year-old had just finished his morning jog and wasn't even short of breath. The 80-year-old was amazed at the guy's stamina and asked him what he did to have so much energy.

The 87-year-old said: "Well, I eat rye bread every day. It keeps your energy level high and the big secret is that you'll have great stamina with the ladies."

So, on the way home the 80-year-old stopped at the bakery. As he was looking around, the sales lady asked if he needed any help.

He said: "Do you have any rye bread?"

She said: "Yes, there's a whole shelf full of it. Would you like some?"

He said: "I would like 6 loaves."

She said: "My goodness, six loaves! By the time you get to the 3rd, it'll be hard."

The old man mutters to himself: "I can't believe it, everybody already seems to know about this trick, but me."

The fortune teller...

A long-suffering country wife decided to go and see a fortune teller when she was at the



local Royal Show.

In a dark tent, peering into a crystal ball, the mystic delivered some grave news.

"There's no easy way to say this, so I'll just be blunt." She says.

"Prepare yourself to become a widow. Your husband will die a violent and horrible death this year."

Visibly shaken, the woman stared at the fortune teller, took a few deep breaths to compose herself and said: "I have to know... Will I be acquitted?"

May a bit of Humour light up your Day

Newlywed old bloke.

An elderly gentlemen walks into a bar, sits on a barstool and begins to cry.

The bartender says: "Mate, what's the matter?"

The old chap says: "I got married two weeks ago. My bride is thirty-five, slim, blonde, intelligent and extraordinarily beautiful. She dresses well, is a great cook, is spotlessly clean and sensitive to my every wish. All my wants and needs are identified, satisfied and our nights are incredible". Surprised, the bartender asks: "It sounds as though you're married to the perfect partner and every man would be so jealous. So why are you crying?" The old bloke replies: "I've forgotten where I live"!

Anything for one of those...

An elderly Italian man lay dying in his bed. While suffering the agonies of impending death, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favourite Italian anisette sprinkle cookies wafting up the stairs. He gathered his remaining strength and lifted himself from the bed.

Leaning against the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom, and with even greater effort, gripping the railing with both hands, he crawled downstairs. With laboured breath, he leaned against the doorframe, gazing into the kitchen. Was it not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven, for there, spread out upon waxed paper on the kitchen table were literally hundreds of his favourite anisette sprinkle cookies.



Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of heroic love from his

devoted Italian wife of sixty years, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man?

Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself towards the table, landing on his knees in a rumpled posture. His parched lips parted, the wondrous taste of the cookie was already in his mouth, seemingly bringing him back to life.

The aged and withered hand trembled on its way to a cookie at the edge of the table when it was suddenly smacked with a spatula by his wife...

"Back off!" she said, "They're for the funeral."

Let's be thankful!

At a nursing home, a group of seniors were sitting around talking about all their ailments.

"My arms have gotten so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one.

"Yes, I know," said another, "My cataracts are so bad I can't even see my coffee."

"I couldn't even mark an 'X' at election time, my hands are so crippled," volunteered a third.

"What? Speak up! What? I can't hear you!" said a fourth.

"I can't turn my head because of arthritis in my neck," said a fifth, to which several nodded weakly in agreement.

"My blood pressure pills make me so dizzy I can hardly walk!" exclaimed another.

"I forget where I am, and where I'm going," said an elderly gent.

"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man as he slowly shook his head. The others nodded in agreement.

"Well, count your blessings," said one woman cheerfully, "Thankfully, we can all still drive."



The serine Villages of Mook & Middelaar



Flag & Coat of Arms of Mook and Middelaar.

Mook en Middelaar is a Municipality in the upper Southeastern part of the Province of Limburg, in the Netherlands. The Municipality is located about 100 km from provincial Capital Maastricht and has an area of 18.81 km² of which 1.43 km² is water. The Municipality is also situated in a wooded rolling moraine landscape, which was created during the last ice age, about 160,000 years ago.

History:

In Plasmolen, only a few KM away, the remains of a Roman villa from the 2nd century AD were found and on the banks of the Meuse are the remains of a Roman bridge. Those remains are from the 4th century.

The Mookerheide ("Mook Heath"), situated on the border of Mook, saw the Battle of Mookerheide in 1574 which was fought as part of the Eighty Years War. Spanish forces under Sancho d'Avila defeated the rebel forces of Louis of Nassau, who was killed during the battle.

During this War of the Spanish Succession, Middelaar was occupied by Prussian troops and the land, a Dukedom, remained in German hands for about a Century.

During the following French occupation, the Municipalities of Mook & Middelaar were established on the 23rd of October 1800.

In the Second World War a fierce battle raged around this area. In May 1940 the German invaders were stopped by large bunkers on the Brabant-side of the Meuse and by the railway bridge between Mook and Katwijk, which had been blown up.

In September 1944, near the end of the war, Mook, Plasmolen and Middelaar were once again in the front line and much devastation was the result. While under fire of German guns, who were shooting from the woods near Groesbeek, allied soldiers had to secure the Heumen bridge over the Maas-Waal canal that was an important hub for operation Market Garden.

Fierce fighting caused the front to move and the Villages, of which most houses were shot in this period, fell back in German hands, then to be liberated once again by the allied forces.

Soldiers killed in this vicinity during World War II found their final resting place in Mook War Cemetery.



The 2nd World War Cemetery.

The Mooker Plassen (Lakes):

To support the cement industry, sand was dug out of



The Mooker Plassen.



Tourists enjoying the Plassen.



The Lambertus Church.

The serene Villages of Mook & Middelaar



Climate change flood prevention work along the river Meuse was started as early as 2016.



"Gezellig" outdoor terrace Restaurant in readiness awaiting the day's rush.

the fields next to the river Maas, which consequently led to the forming of the Mooker recreational lakes, between Middelaar and the Mookerheide. After a couple of floodings in the 80's and 90's, a removable lock was built to save the area from flooding again.

Hunting lodge Mookerheide, in Molenhoek: (see front page picture)



This Hunting Lodge was constructed from 1902-1905, and is named after the location, the Mookerheide. No expense or effort was spared. The result was a very rich and exuberant decorated and fully equipped house, with a large decorated tower room and an unprecedented view. The surrounding Estate was thoroughly landscaped as well. In 1910 the Hunting Lodge was taken over by Antonie Marinus Vroeg. He expands the estate and beautified it even more.

In 1947 it was sold to the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Bethany.

The main house was thoroughly renovated and it was used as a monastery and on the estate several new buildings were erected for a Children's Boarding school.

For the following 30 years the main building was a hotel/restaurant but now the Hunting Lodge and the Estate are in the hands of the "Natuur Monumenten Zorg" (Monuments and heritage) and are being thoroughly restored once again.

Despite the restorations in progress, you can still visit the gardens and the buildings and also join a tour.



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The colourful Mokerheide.



Middelaar's boat harbour.



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CODE WORD PUZZLE

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet is replaced by a number. For these puzzles, **two or three** letters are revealed. Start with entering these throughout the puzzle, start to guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not workout, you can erase it and start again. Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S can occur more often than others e.g. the letters Q, X or Z.

Results of last month's Bonus TOP CODEWORD.

This puzzle was not a pushover at all and difficult to find the first word. But once the words: **Chinchilla, Abnormal and Wallaby** were found, the rest became much easier.

The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker were as follows:

*A=7; B=20; C=21; D=2; E=17;
F=25; G=4; H=21; I=24; J=1; K=6,
L=5; M=8; N=15; O=10; P=14;
Q=3; R=22; S=19; T=11; U=13;
V=26; W=12; X=9; Y=23; Z=18.*

Results of last month's Bonus BOTTOM CODEWORD.

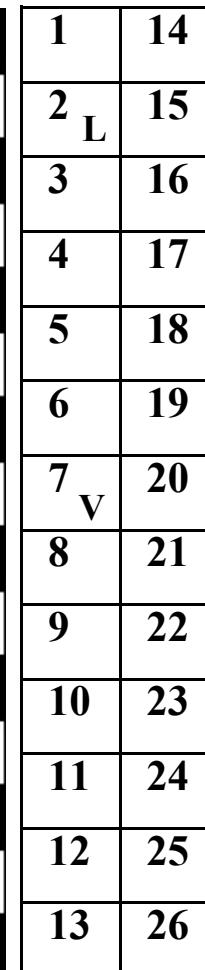
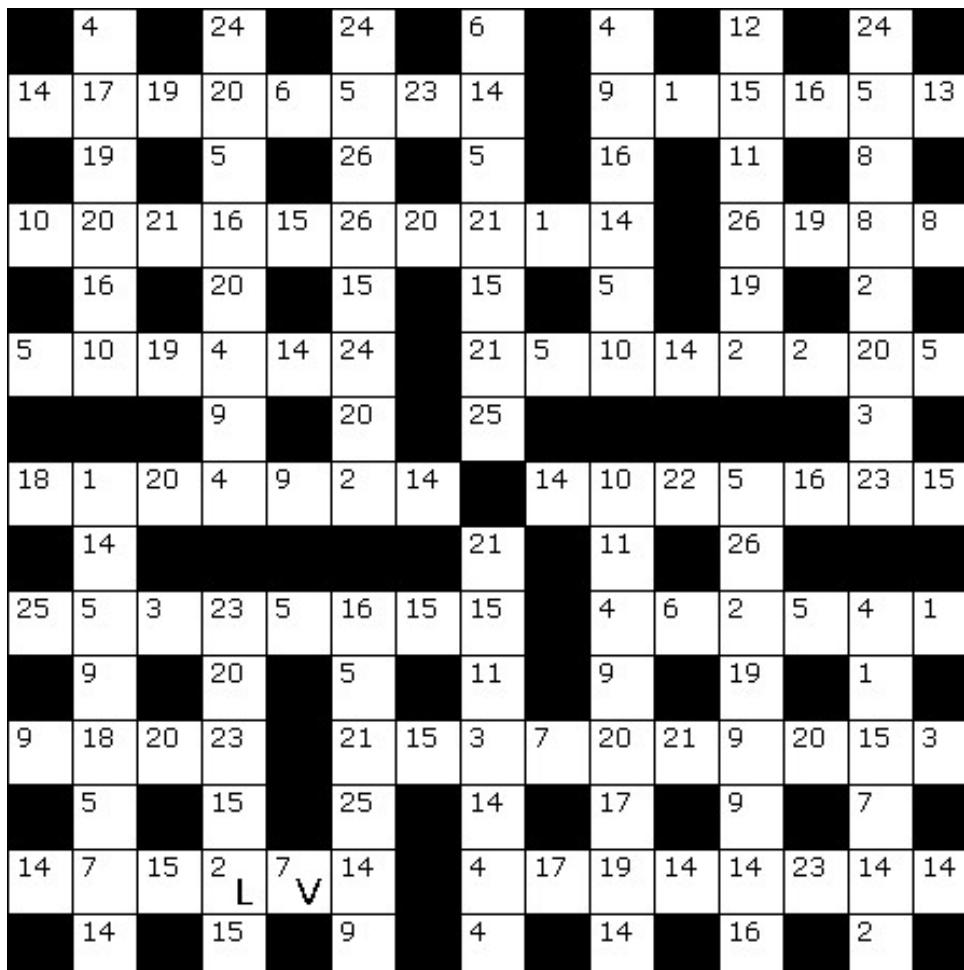
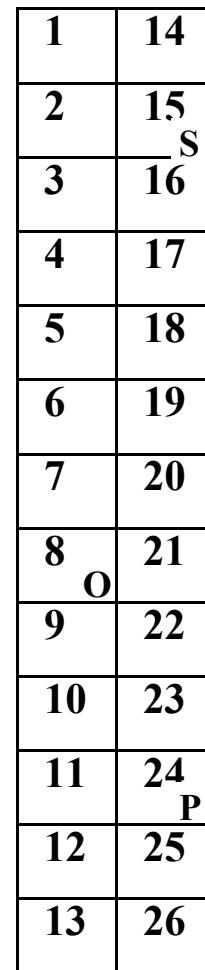
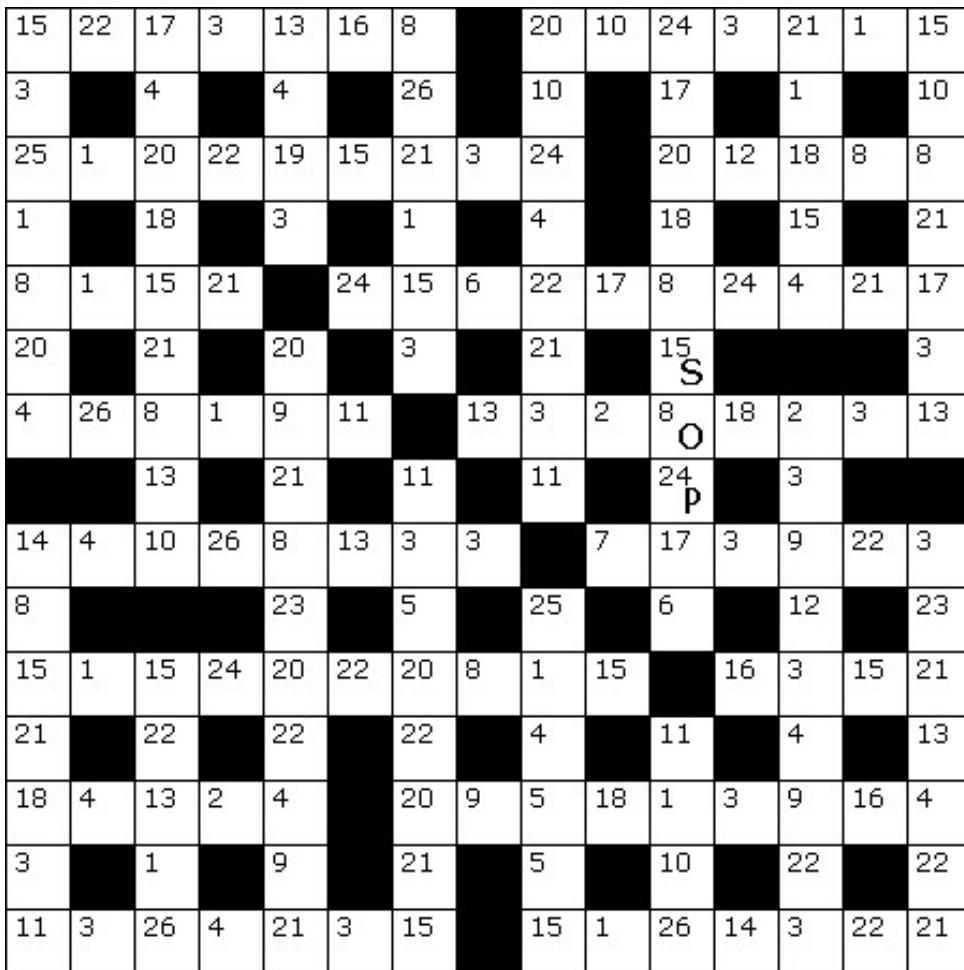
This puzzle was another challenging one.

Once the words: **Willow, Icicles and Ogle** were found, you were on your way.

The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker were as follows:

*A=2; B=14; C=3; D=10; E=25;
F=23; G=1; H=5; I=20; J=19; K=16;
L=21; M=15; N=13; O=11; P=6;
Q=9; R=4; S=26; T=12; U=7; V=17;
W=18; X=24; Y=8; Z=22.*

Two Bonus Code-Word Puzzles



Code-Word and Sudoku Puzzles Page

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Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column; each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

**Sudoku 972
Easy Puzzle**

		5										
9	4	6										
5			8		9	3	4					
			5	1	3							
			8			6						
7	8						9					
7			3	1								
8	2	9			7							
			6		4							

**Sudoku 972
Moderate Puzzle**

5				9			9					
7					3		6					
2						8		1				
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6												
3	9											
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4	7											

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To find the first three word of last month's Codebreaker was pretty straightforward.

The first 3 words I found were Phrasebook, External and Seamanship and once those 3 words were found, it was easy. The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker were as follows:

*A=7; B=13; C=21; D=14;
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J=4; K=3; L=5; M=23; N=10;
O=19; P=14; Q=17; R=26;
S=12; T=6; U=25; V=16;
W=15; X=1; Y=2; Z=22.*

Last month's
Sudoku Easy 71 solution

6	7	4	9	5	2	1	8	3
3	2	1	4	8	6	9	5	7
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8	3	5	2	6	1	7	9	4
9	6	2	7	4	5	3	1	8
4	1	7	8	3	9	5	6	2
7	9	6	3	1	8	4	2	5
1	4	8	5	2	7	6	3	9
2	5	3	6	9	4	8	7	1

Last month's
Sudoku Moderate 71 solution.

2	9	3	8	5	4	7	1	6
6	4	5	7	1	3	8	9	2
7	8	1	9	6	2	3	4	5
5	6	9	2	3	8	4	7	1
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